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SUBJECT: US-SAUDI COOPERATION: CONSULTATION WITH THIRD
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1. ECON/COM MIN INFORMED CABOUAT, CHIEF OF GENERAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, OF INTENDED JOINT US-SAUDI
ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT REFTTEL, STRESSING PARTICULARLY
OUR CONTINUED STRONG COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY
PROBLEM.

2. CABOUAT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF GOF FOR
HAVING BEEN GIVEN ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THIS ANNOUNCE-
MENT. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT OUR DECISION, SAYING
THAT STRENGTHENING OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
SAUDI ARABIA WOULD ENHANCE STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND WAS THUS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL. HE SAID THAT
FRANCE'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS BILATERAL RELATION-
SHIPS WITH ARAB GOVERNMENTS HAD A SIMILAR OBJECTIVE.

3. CABOUAT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OUR OFFER TO CONSULT
WITH OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES AS OUR BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS NEARED AGREEMENT ON
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